



By the King.



AMES by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith, &c. To the Lord Treasurer, Chamberlain, Under-treasurer, Chamberlains and Barons of our Court of Exchequer, and to all other our officers, Ministers, and loving subjects, to whom it shall come or may appertain, &c. to every of them greeting: Whereas heretofore by virtue of sundrie Commissions and warrants by us and our progenitors made, given, and granted in that behalf, divers woods and trees have bene fallen, cutte downe, fowle and given, and are to be fallen, cut downe, fowle, and given from our Mannors, Forrests, Chales, parkes, lands, tenements, and hereditaments within our Realme of England, and Dominion of Wales, By reason whereof, there are and will be within our said Mannors, Forrests, Chales and parkes, and other our lands, tenements, and hereditaments, aforesaid, divers Rootes and Stumpes of woods and Trees. And whereas divers Trees have bene blown downe by weather or otherwise broken and fallen downe, within the foyles and places aforesaid. And whereas also wee are given to understand that the said Rootes and Stumpes of Trees being altogether neglected to be taken up, doe not onely rot and perishe without any manner of commoditie or good thereof coming, but also in the meane time doe hinder the spring of grasse, and otherwife hurt and deface the grounds where they are so left, to the losse and prejudice of our loving subjects, which have common therein. Know ye therefore that we, aswell for and in consideration of the good, faithful, and acceptable service heretofore done to us by our trustie and welbelovied servants Sir Robert Stewart Knight and Richard Vaus Esquire, as also for divers

other good causes and considerations vs hereunto specially moving, have of our speciall grace, certain knowledge, and meere motion given and granted, and by these presents, for us, our heyres, and successors, doe give and grant unto the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus their executors, administrators, and assigns, all rootes and stumpes of woods and trees, which now be & remaine, and which hereafter at any time, during such time as our Commissions, or warrants aforesaid, or any of them shall continue in force, shall be and remaine in the earth, or of the height or length of three foote, or thereabouts above the earth, after an ordinarie cutting downe with an Axe or Sawe, and also all Rootes and Stumpes of woods and trees heretofore broken downe, or blowne downe by weather or otherwise, not exceeding likewise the height of three foote or thereabouts above the earth, within all or any our said Mannors, Forrests, Chales and parkes: And all other our lands, tenements, and hereditaments aforesaid, within our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales. And for the better execution & enjoying of this our Grant, we do further by these presents of our more speciall grace, certain knowledge, and meere motion give and grant unto the said Sir Robert Stewart, and Richard Vaus, their executors, administrators, deputies, substitutes, and assigns, and to their servants and workmen, and to every of them, full power, and lawfull and absolute authoritie from time to time, and at all times convenient to enter into any of our Forrests, and parkes, and other our manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, whether the same be in the possession of us, our heyres or successors, or in the hands and possessions of any our Farmers or Tenants of the same: and to roote and digge up all, and all manner of rootes and stumpes of woods and trees as aforesaid, within any of the foyles and places aforesaid not exceeding three foote or thereabouts in height or length above the earth as aforesaid: and the same and carry of them to take, carry away and convert to their owne proper use and vices. To have and to hold, take and enjoy all the aforesaid rootes and stumpes of woods and trees to the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus, their executors, and administrators and assigns, to the only use and behoofe of the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus their, and either of their executors, administrators and assigns, as of our free gift and speciall grace without any account or other thing thereof or thereto to us our heyres or successors, to be received, enjoyed or made in that behalf. And to the intent that the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus their executors, administrators, and assigns, may the better discover and finde out the said rootes and stumpes of woods and trees by these presents granted as aforesaid: we will and by these presents grant unto the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus their executors, administrators, and assigns, free liberty, license, power and authority, to search, view, and peruse, any records, accounts, roles, or other writings whatsoever, either in the custody of any our auditors of our revenues or surveyors of our woods, or any other our officers and ministers whatsoever, concerning any our Forrests, parkes, Chales & woods whatsoever, in the presence of such officer or officers, or their deputy or deputies, to whom the same doe properly appertain without the resistance or deniall of any such officer or officers their deputy or deputies: nevertheless our will and pleasure is, and the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus for them, and either of them, their and cyther of their heyres, executors, administrators, and assigns doe covenant and grant, to and with us our heyres and successors by these presents: That they the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus, their executors, administrators, substitutes or assigns, or any of them shall not digge up any rootes or stumpes of woods and trees, so by these presents granted as aforesaid, within two yeares next after the cutting downe, breaking, or blowing downe of any woods or trees within any th: foyles or places aforesaid, nor any rootes or stumpes of woods or trees at all where any young sprout, or shoot within three foot of the body of the said rootes and stumpes doth issue or grow in appearance: and further that the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus, their executors, administrators, substitutes, assigns and workmen shall dig up the said rootes and stumpes of woods and trees, intended to be granted by these presents, from time to time between the first day of November and the tenth day of March, and not at any other time of the yeare or season: and shall also take and carry away from the grounds and foyles aforesaid, all and every the said rootes and stumpes of woods and trees so digged up as aforesaid, within any the foyles and places aforesaid before the twentieth day of Aprill then next coming after they shall be digged up as aforesaid: except the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus their executors, administrators, or assigns, or some of them shall procure the consent of the Farmers and Tenants of the said foyles and places, and of a convenient number of the Commoners in places of waste or common, for the digging and carrying away of the said rootes and stumpes of woods and trees as aforesaid, at any other time of the yeare as more convenient. And our further will and pleasure is, and the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus for them and either of them, their and either of their heyres, executors, administrators, and assigns and every of them doe covenant and grant to and with us our heyres and successors by these presents, that they the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus, their executors, administrators, substitutes or assigns, or any of them shall not in any wise breake any ground within any our Copsewoods, or Coppices or within any the Copsewoods or Coppices of any of our Farmers or Tenants, for the taking or digging up of any of the said rootes or stumpes of woods and trees within any of the foyles or places aforesaid, above four foot in distance from the roote it selfe.

And that they shall not digge up at all in any Copsewood or Coppice aforesaid, any rootes or stumpes of woods and trees at any time after the first yeares next following after the fell of the same Copsewoods, Coppices, or underwoods, nor in such places or grounds where there is not waye or passages for carriage of Carts, without manifest damage and spoile to the underwoods: And also that they the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus, their executors, administrators or assigns, deputies, substitutes, workmen or some of them shall yearly from time to time, plant and set in the place of every roote or stumpe digged up, two young trees of the age & growth of moxe, in and upon the ground and foyle within every such Copsewood or Coppice where the said rootes and stumpes of woods and trees shall be so digged up. And that the said two trees so by them or any of them to be planted, or set as is aforesaid, shall be of the same nature and quality that the said rootes and stumpes of woods and trees so digged up were of, if any such be there to be had, but if no such may be had there, then to plant to other trees of the age & growth aforesaid, most fit and agreeable with the nature of the foyle and ground, from whence the said rootes and stumpes of woods and trees shall be so digged and stubbed up, as is aforesaid: and shall also fill up the said ground so made hollow, and uneven by the digging up of the said rootes and stumpes of woods and trees, as is aforesaid. And further our will and pleasure is, and the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus for them their heyres, executors, administrators and assigns, and every of them do covenant and grant, to and with us, our heyres and successors by these presents, That neither the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus their executors, administrators or assigns, nor any of their servants or workmen shall stubbe or digge up any of the stumpes or rootes of woods and trees aforesaid within any severall Copsewoods or Coppices, or other demesne lands during such time as the same shall or ought to be continued in severall: except the Farmers and Tenants of the said Copsewoods or Coppices, or other demesne lands if the same be in lease, shall first thereunto consent and agree for a reasonable composition, to be allowed unto every severall Farmer or Tenant for such damage and hindrance as they shall sustaine by such digging or rooting up of their groundes, for the taking up of the said rootes and stumpes of woods and trees as is aforesaid: the same damage (in case they cannot agree) to be allotted by two Justices of the peace next adjoining, to whom we doe hereby give authority in every such case to consider and appoint the same, or if the same shall happen to be out of lease, that then neither the said Sir Robert Stewart nor Richard Vaus, their executors, administrators or assigns, nor any of their workmen shall stub or digge up any the said rootes or stumpes of woods and trees without speciall warrant from the Lord Treasurer for the time being in that behalf to be obtained. And further that the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus their executors, administrators or assigns, or any of their servants or workmen shall not digge up any the rootes or stumpes of woods or trees as is aforesaid, in or upon any of our Commons, wastes, heathes, or other common grounds which have not at any time heretofore, nor now be in severall, without the consent and agreement of a convenient number of the Commoners interested in the said commons, wastes and heathes aforesaid, first had and obtained for the better avoiding of damage and spoyle in the said commons and heathes, which otherwise might happen to be done through carelesse and negligent digging or carrying away of the rootes or stumpes of woods and trees as is aforesaid: In which case also if the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus their executors administrators or assigns cannot agree with the said commoners of a convenient number of them, as is aforesaid: then our will and pleasure is, that two of our Justices of the peace next adjoining to the place, where such differences shall happen to be and arise, shall take the paines to reconcile the said differences: whom we doe hereby authorize and command to treat between the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus, their executors, administrators, substitutes and assigns, and the said Commoners: and to order the same as to their wisdomes shall seeme most meet. And the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus, their executors, administrators, assigns and workmen, to fill up the ground and foyle so made hollow and uneven, by digging up, of the said rootes and stumpes woods and trees, and to sow the same with hay dust, or use some other meanes, thereby to make the same fit to beare grasse for pasture. And our further will and pleasure is, that no rootes or stumpes of woods or trees, be digged up or taken away by the said Sir Robert Stewart or Richard Vaus, their executors, administrators or assigns within any our Forrests and Chales where the keepers of the said Forrests and Chales have heretofore by Letters Patents or Rights have had and taken the said rootes or stumpes of woods and trees as fers appertaining and belonging unto them: And further also our will and pleasure is, and the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus for them, their heyres, executors, administrators and assigns doe covenant and grant to and with us our heyres and successors by these presents, that the said Sir Robert Stewart and Richard Vaus their executors administrators or assigns, nor any of them shall not digge up any rootes or stumpes of woods and trees within any of the foyles or places aforesaid, untill our Commissioners authorized to inquire of the wastes and spoyle of our said woods and trees, have in their severall counties executed their Commissions and warrants in that behalf, or concerning that place where the rootes and stumpes of woods and trees are so intended to be digged, that by the removing and taking away of the said rootes and stumpes of woods and trees, the said Commissioners may not be hindered of the view and inspection thereof, whereby they may the better be able to discover and finde out the said wastes so formerly committed. Provided always, and our will and pleasure is, that these our Letters patents shall not extend to any such rootes or stumpes of woods and trees, which will not be rooted and digged, and carryed away, by virtue of these presents, in such manner and forme as is aforesaid, within the space and terme of twenty one yeares next ensuing, the nine and twentieth day of January which was in the seventh yeare of our Reigne of England France and Ireland and the three and fortieth of Scotland, fully to be compleat & ended. Although expresse mention of the true yearly value, or certainty of the premises, or any of them, or of any other gift or grant by us or by any of our progenitors or predecessors, to the aforesaid Sir Robert Stewart or Richard Vaus or either of them heretofore made in these presents, is not made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, provision, proclamation or restraint to the contrary thereof heretofore had made, or dayned or provided, or any other matter, cause or thing whatsoever contrary in any wise notwithstanding. In witness whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made patents: witness our selfe at Westminster, the thirtieth day of July in the eight yeare of our Reigne of England France and Ireland, and of Scotland: 1583 and fortieth.

God save the King.